Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 16 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 17 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 16 Mar 2022 at 03:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for synoptic evolution over next 5 days. Medium confidence for details of rain and hill snow on Thursday. Low confidence for any patchy hill fog over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 16 Mar 2022: Mainly bright with a few snow showers. Fresh west winds giving a severe chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 16 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow showers	Sunny	Clear night	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
50%	50%	30%	30%	40%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 16 Mar 2022

Weather: Rain/snow and hill fog clearing the Trossachs and southeast through the early hours. Some lingering hill fog through the morning, otherwise a bright day with occasional showers, falling as snow above 500-700 m, mainly in the northwestern Nevis Ranges. Patchy hill fog in the north through the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% or less in the Trossachs and southeast through the early hours due to rain/snow and widespread hill fog. Improving to 50% in the northwest and elsewhere through the morning due to occasional hill fog. Improving 75% by midday.

Low Cloud and visibility: Moderate visibility in rain, lowering poor in hill snow and very poor in occasional hill fog, with cloud bases 400-600 m. Otherwise excellent visibility lowering moderate or poor in snow showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/12 SE	10/12 SW	12/16 W	16/21 SW	17/22 SW	20/24 S	23/28 S
900	5/8 W	7/9 W	9/13 W	12/17 W	13/18 SW	14/18 SW	17/22 S
600	6/7 W	7/10 SW	10/13 SW	12/17 SW	14/19 SW	15/19 S	18/23 S
300	4/5 SW	5/7 NW	5/9 W	8/13 SW	7/12 SW	8/11 S	9/14 S
Glen	2/5 SW	4/8 W	4/8 SW	8/14 SW	5/12 SW	5/11 S	6/13 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-9	-4/-9	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-11	-5/-12	-5/-13
900	-2/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	0/-5	-1/-7	-2/-8	-2/-9
600	1/-2	1/-2	2/-2	3/-2	2/-3	1/-5	0/-6
300	3/1	3/1	5/3	6/3	4/2	3/0	2/-1
Glen	4/3	5/3	7/6	8/6	6/4	5/3	4/1
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Thursday 17 Mar 2022
Weather: Mainly dry through the early hours with isolated hill fog in the north. Then a band of moderate or heavy rain, or hill snow above 600-800 m moves quickly east through the morning, with scattered blustery showers following in behind through the afternoon, falling as snow above 300-500 m. Strengthening southerly winds into Thursday morning, with gales or severe gales on exposed summits and ridges, becoming westerly by the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southerly becoming westerly mean 35-40 mph gusting 50-60 mph through the morning, easing slightly.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60% overnight due to occasional hill fog. Lowering 20% or less through the morning, and improving 70% through the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly excellent visibility overnight but very poor in occasional hill fog, with cloud bases 400-600 m. Poor visibility in the morning in rain and hill snow, and widespread hill fog, with cloud bases 250-500 m. Improving good through the afternoon, temporarily lowering in showers and hill fog, with cloud bases 400-600 m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising plus 7 Celsius by midday, falling plus 4 Celsius through the evening.
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising to plus 1 Celsius by midday, falling minus 2 Celsius by evening.
Freezing level: 600 m rising 1000 m by late morning, falling 400-600 m by evening.

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